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I request the SBA to not allow venture capital companies that are not small businesses to control or own SBIR companies and to access SBIR funds. Large venture capital companies have a financial advantage over smaller companies and don't need the government monies as badly as smaller companies. The SBIR monies have traditionally allowed companies that are too small for the VC market to continue necessary research and development. Please control SBIR Size Standards for Venture Capital Companies to limit venture capital access to SBIR companies, thereby changing the profile of successful and unsuccessful SBIR companies.

Sincerely,

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